

PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period

Public Notice Start Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 Public Notice Expiration Date: Friday, November 28, 2014

Permit Number:

AK0053481

Applicant:

Kodiak Island Borough Landfill Leachate Treatment Facility 1203 Monashka Bay Road, Kodiak, AK 99615

Proposed Project and Location:

The Kodiak Island Borough (KIB) owns and operates a municipal landfill located northwest of the city of Kodiak, Alaska. The KIB is expanding the landfill site laterally to the northeast in planning for an additional 40 years of use and growth. The lateral expansion includes installation of a liner in the expanded cells, a leachate collection system, and construction of the leachate treatment facility. Construction of the leachate treatment facility is expected to be completed in

2015. Leachate is liquid (rain or snow melt) that has passed through or emerged from solid waste and contains soluble, suspended, or miscible materials removed from the solid waste.

The landfill will discharge no more than 288,000 gallons per day of treated landfill leachate from active lined and inactive unlined landfill cells, baler squeezings, and baler building washdown into freshwater wetlands. Baler squeezings are liquids squeezed out of solid waste during the baling process. Baler washdown is water produced from washing the baler building and washing the baler. No mixing zone has been requested or authorized so the permittee is required to meet effluent limits at the end of the pipe. The treated leachate and baler wastestreams are discharged from an outfall located at 57° 48' 49" North Latitude and 152° 24' 27" West Longitude. The discharge exits the treatment facility into wetland cells filled with rock. At the end of the wetland cells the discharge passes over a horizontal weir, then flows to the head of a natural freshwater wetland system. The freshwater wetlands enter an unnamed creek, travel north to the coastline of Kodiak Island, and enter marine water in Monashka Bay. The distance from the outfall to Monashka Bay is approximately a half mile.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to issue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 30 days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments and requests to the attention of Melinda Smodey at the address or email identified above. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be <u>postmarked</u> on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision, and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC final decision.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Friday, November 28 at 5:00 p.m. AST

Administrative Record:

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, permit application, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Melinda Smodey.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm

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